

APPROVED

BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS FORMAL HEARING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Department of Health Professions
6603 W. Broad Street, 5th Floor
Richmond, Virginia
Conference Room #1

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Virginia Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRESIDING:

Barry Murphy, F.S. L., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT:

W.D. Tharp, F.S. L.
Randolph Minter, F.S.L.
Robert Burger, F.S.L.
Billie Watson-Hughes, F.S.L.
Walter S. Ball, Citizen Member
Blair Nelsen, F.S.L.
Yvonne Jones-Bibbs, Citizen Member
Michael Leonard, F.S.L.

STAFF PRESENT:

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Jeanette Meade, Administrative Assistant
Andria Christian, Senior Investigator

COUNSEL PRESENT:

James E. Schliessmann, Asst. Attorney General
Jack Kotvas, Asst. Attorney General
Anne Joseph, Deputy Executive Director APD

OTHERS PRESENT:

Diane Abato, Esquire

COURT REPORTER:

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QUORUM:

With 9 members present, a quorum was established.

FORMAL HEARING:

**Bruce Booberg, F.S.L.
Reinstatement Applicant
#108947**

A formal hearing was held in the matter of Bruce Booberg, II Funeral Service Licensee Reinstatement Application to discuss the allegations that lead to your request for reinstatement of your license to practice funeral directing and embalming in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Mr. Schliessmann, Assistant Attorney General, representing the Commonwealth, presented the evidence in this matter and the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Convened

The Board took a 10 minute recess and W.D. Tharp, F.S.L. Board Member left the meeting for the day.

Reconvened:

Mr. Burger, Jr. made a motion to return to open session at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Meeting:

On a motion made by Mr. Burger and properly seconded by Mr. Leonard at 4:20 p.m., the Board voted 8-0 in favor of the motion to enter into a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A)(28) of the Code of Virginia to deliberate in reaching a decision in the matter of Bruce Booberg Funeral Licensee Reinstatement Applicant

Reconvene:

On a motion made by Mr. Leonard and properly seconded by Mr. Burger at 4:30 p.m., pursuant to §2.2-3712 (D) the Board voted 8-0 in favor of the motion, that only public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

On a motion made by Mr. Burger and properly seconded by Mr. Leonard, the Board voted 8-0 to the proposed Findings of Facts and sanctions. The following sanctions were adopted.

The Board voted 8-0 to deny the reinstatement application of Bruce Booberg, II to be licensed with the Commonwealth of Virginia at this time.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Barry Murphy, President Chair

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

Date

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